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1. SUMMARY: FIFTH COMMITTEE AT 53RD MEETING, DECEMBER 16, TOOK  
ACTION ON NUMEROUS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS DOCUMENTS, CONTINUED  
DISCUSSION OF UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING, APPROVED PENSIONS FOR PRESENT  
AND FUTURE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT, AND CONTINUED ITS  
DISCUSSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PENSION SYSTEM. END SUMMARY

2. COMMITTEE TOOK ACTION ON NUMEROUS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS  
DOCUMENTS:

A. REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (A/C.5/31/79) PROVIDED  
FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE 26TH SESSION IN GENEVA OF THE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN, ACABQ CHAIRMAN NOTED ORALLY THAT NO  
ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR 1976-77 AND THAT  
INDEED SESSION HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD. REPORT WAS ADOPTED BY CON-  
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SENSUS.  
B. REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND SECOND COMMITTEE ON  
UNDRO (A/C.5/31/72 AND 73) WHICH HAVE NO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS  
FOR 1976-77 WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AS WAS ACABQ REPORT (A/31/8/  
ADD.14). IN DISCUSSION, SWEDEN NOTED THE HISTORY OF UNDRO  
AND WELCOMED THE DECISIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE ABOUT

FUNDING. WAS SUPPORTED BY THE NETHERLANDS. USSR, REFERRING TO THE CHARTER, STATED THAT IT WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE TO ACT IN AND INTERFERE WITH THOSE AREAS WHICH STATUTORIALLY BELONG TO THE FIFTH COMMITTEE; PROPOSED STRENGTHENING OF THIS CAUTION TO THE GA, WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN THE ACABQ REPORT. FRANCE, DISAGREEING WITH SWEDISH STATEMENT, STATED THAT UNDO WAS DISTORTING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, UNNECESSARILY INCREASING ITS STAFF, AND REQUESTING SIZEABLE, UNWARRANTED INCREASES IN ITS BUDGET. THESE REMARKS WERE SECONDED BY BELGIUM.

C. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NETWORK FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION (A/C.5/31/82) AT A COST OF \$17,600 FOR THE YEAR 1977 AND THE ORAL SUPPORTIVE REMARKS OF THE ACABQ WERE ACCEPTED BY CONSENSUS.

D. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT (A/C5/31/88) ON THE INCLUSION OF ARABIC AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE UN WATER CONFERENCE, THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF WHICH ARE TO BE SUBMITTED AT A LATER TIME, AND SUPPORTIVE ORAL REMARKS OF THE ACABQ WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

E. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT (A/C.5/31/92) ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSTITUTE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH CARRIED NO ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR 1976-77 AND SUPPORTIVE ORAL REMARKS OF THE ACABQ WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

F. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE DECISIONS ON NAMIBIA (A/C.5/31/81) AND THE ACABQ REPORT (A/31/8/ADD.18) WHICH RECOMMENDS ADDITIONAL APPRO-

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PRIATIONS TOTALING \$450,000 FOR 1976-77 WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

G. SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT (A/C.5/31/96) ON THE DECOLONIZATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MAPUTO AND ACABQ ORAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AN INCREASE IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1976-77 OF \$82,000 WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

E. ITEM 105 - UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING - IRELAND EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN ABOUT THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF ARREARAGES IN CONTRIBUTION FOR THE FORCE AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FINANCIAL MANAGERS OF THE FORCES. YUGOSLAVIA, HOPING FOR A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WHICH KEEPS THE FORCES IN EFFECT, SUPPORTED ANY APPORTIONMENT WHICH BORE IN MIND THE COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF STATES, THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED DEVELOPING NATIONS. CZECHOSLOVAKIA WELCOMED THE POSSIBILITY OF SAVINGS AND REMINDED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE FORCES ARE A TEMPORARY, ALBEIT EFFECTIVE, MEASURE. AUSTRALIA, NOTING WITH CONCERN THE MOUNTING SHORTFALL, WELCOMED

AGREEMENT ON MAINTAINCE AND HOPED FOR A REVIEW OF INCREASES DUE TO INFLATION. USSR, LAMENTING LARGE EXPENSES AND UNSATISFACTORY ESTIMATE METHODS, STATED THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAD PRESENTED NO CONVINCING GROUNDS FOR HIS REQUEUSTS. URGED STRICTER COMPLIANCE WITH UN FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

4. ITEM 97 - PENSION FOR MEMBERS OF JOINT INSPECTION UNIT.

USSR STATED THAT IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST PENSIONS FOR JIU MEMBERS. JAPAN SUBMITTED AN AMENDMENT FROM THE FLOOR TO SEPARATE THE VOTE INTO TWO PARTS: TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE COVERAGE AND RETROACTIVE COVERAGE. JAPANESE WERE OPPOSED TO RETROACTIVE COVERAGE. CHINA DISAGREED, FAVORING A PENSION FOR PRESENT MEMBERS; WAS SUPPORTED BY ARGENTINA. FRG ECHOED THE VIEWS OF JAPAN. JAPANESE AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED BY A VOTE OF 19(NICARAGUA, JAPAN, INDONESIA)-21(TANZANIA, US, UPPER VOLTA, ALGERIA) -30(URUGUAY, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY). SEVERAL DELEGATIONS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTING.

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5. DRAFT RESOLUTION, GRANTING PENSION COVERAGE TO MEMBERS OF JIU RETROACTIVELY AND IN THE FUTURE (A/C.5/31/L.42), AS A WHOLE WAS PASSED

BY A VOTE OF 59(US, UPPER VOLTA, TANZANIA, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA, INDONESIA, NORWAY)-12(JAPAN, POLAND, USSR)-6.

6. ITEM 104 - UNITED NATIONS PENSION SYSTEM.

PHILIPPINES, SUPPORTING DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/31/L.39 AND INSISTING THAT A DECISION CANNOT BE POSTPONED, SOUGHT A UNIVERSAL AND FLEXIBLE PENSION SYSTEM WITH AD HOC ADJUSTMENTS. COLOMBIA, OPPOSING ANY POSTPONEMENT, WAS ALSO AGAINST PROPOSED FRG AMENDMENTS, WHICH GAVE GUIDELINES TO THE PENSION BOARD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION OF PENSION ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DRAFT RESOLUTION. USSR ENUMERATED ITS SEVERAL CONCERNS WITH THE PROGRAM; NAMELY THE IMPACT ON THE PROGRAM OF THE FINANCIAL GROWTH OF THE FUND, PROVISIONS FOR LENGTH OF SERVICE, CONTRADICTIONARY UN PERSONNEL POLICIES, AND QUESTIONS SURROUNDING TAXATION AND TRANSFER OF HOLDINGS. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO EXPRESSED ITS CONCERNS IN REFERENCE TO INITIAL ADJUSTMENTS WHICH WOULD AFFORD HIGHER PENSION TO THOSE ALREADY ADVANTAGED AND THE PRESENT INADEQUATE SURVIVORS' AND DISABILITY BENEFITS. FRANCE, CHARACTERIZING THE PRESENT PLAN AS NOT UNIFORM, NOT DURABLE, AND UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATED; STATED, IN IMPASSIONED TONES, THAT A BETTER WAY MUST BE FOUND BEFORE THE END OF THE PRESENT SESSION.

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